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I f indeed America is the great melting pot of nations, its music—country music—is no less representative of the ethnic influences which fostered it. From Europe came balladry, accompanied by fiddle, accordion and guitar. From Africa came the banjo and call-and-response chanting which preceded black American blues music. By the early 1900s, traditional string bands were emerging from the cradle of American music, the Appalacian Mountains of the Southeast. With the advent of radio and recording in the 1920s, talent scouts searched the backwoods for traditional artists.

One such scout, Ralph Peer, discovered both the Carter Family and Jimmie Rodgers, the "Singing Brakeman," at a 1927 audition in Bristol, Tenn. The Carters became founding figures of traditional folk music with songs like "Wildwood Flower" and "Will The Circle Be Unbroken?" Rodgers became country music's first star with his blue yodel style and an amazing string of instant classics like "Muleskinner Blues" and "Peach Pickin' Time

In Georgia."

he Depression Years fostered musical experimentation. In the Southwest, country dancebands like Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys started incorporating Big Band city sounds into their music. The result: Western Swing. Hollywood, too, was afire with songs of the prairies; Gene Autry was the first of a stampede of Singing Cowboys to burst upon the movie screen. Songs like "Yellow Rose of Texas" and "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" were standards of the era.

The War Years ushered in an era of reality and honky-tonk songs became the vogue. Successors to the Rodgers throne made their names with these—Ernest Tubb with "I'm Walking the Floor Over You," Roy Acuff with more traditional-inspired tunes like "The Great Speckled Bird" and "Wreck On The Highway," and later Hank Snow with "I'm Movin' On." But the next star of country music, the father of modern country, appeared at the end of World War II. Hank Williams wrote and recorded the definitive country repertoire during his brief six year career—classics like "Why Don't You Love Me?," "Cold, Cold Heart" and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."

y the mid-1950s, rock and roll was emerging as the new music, and young country singers were experimenting with combining the two styles, calling it rockabilly. From this merger came Elvis Presley with "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Don't Be Cruel." His career would veer away from country, but other rockabilly performers, artists like Johnny Cash and Conway Twitty, would stay close to Country and become leaders in their later years.

Country was merging with popular music, too, and performers like Sonny James ("Young Love"), Marty Robbins ("El Paso," "White Sport Cost") and the Everly Brothers ("Wake Up, Little Susie") were meeting with enormous success. Nashville, fearful that new styles would force the end to traditional country altogether, fought back with the Nashville Sound, a compromise between country, pop and rock. It has become the dominant style of country today.

he 1960s saw the emergence of women in country, and fine singersongwriters like Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette have become as popular as the traditionally-dominant male performers today. Country music today knows more variety and a greater stable of talented stars than ever, and shows no signs (as it did a couple decades ago) of going anywhere but up.



Baseball has Cooperstown, N.Y. Basketball has Springfield, Mass. Football has Canton, Ohio. And the stars of country music, the men and women who contributed greatly to the growth and development of America's original music, are enshrined in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn. Since 1961, 25 country greats have been honored by a panel of 250 electors who choose inductees from those who have been active in the country music community for over 10 years. The current members are listed in the following pages.

JIMMIE RODGERS Sept. 8, 1897 - May 26, 1933

"The Singing Brakeman" Jimmie Rodgers' name stands foremost in the country music field as the "man who started it all." His songs told the great stories of the singing rails, the powerful steam locomotives and the wonderful railroad people that he loved so well. Although small in stature, he was a giant among men, starting a trend in the musical taste of millions. (Elected 1961)



FRED ROSE Aug. 24, 1897 - Dec. 1, 1954

Songwriter, music publisher . . . Fred Rose was always ready to lend a helping hand to a young artist or a new songwriter. His guidance helped many to stardom. The songs he wrote show the touch of simplicity and genius, and remain with us even today, proving him to be one of America's truly great composers.

(Elected 1961)

HANK WILLIAMS Sept. 17, 1923 - Jan. 1, 1953

Performing artist, songwriter ... Hank Williams will live on in the memories of millions of Americans. The simple, beautiful melodies and straightforward, plaintive stories in his lyrics, of life as he knew it, will never die. His songs appealed not only to the country music field, but brought him great acclaim in the "pop" music world as well. (Elected 1961)





ROY ACUFF Sept. 15, 1903

"The Smoky Mountain Boy" ... "Fiddled" and sang his way into the hearts of millions the world over, often times bringing country music to areas where it had never been before. "The King of Country Music"—has carried his troup of performers overseas to entertain his country's armed forces at Christmas for more than 20 years. Many successful artists credit their success to a helping hand and encouraging word from Roy Acuff.

(Elected 1961)

TEX RITTER Jan. 12, 1907 - Jan. 2, 1974

Born in Panola County, Texas ... Alumnus University of Texas. One of America's most illustrious and versatile stars of radio, television, records, motion pictures and broadway stage. Untiring pioneer and champion of the country and western music industry. His devotion to his God, his family and his country is a continuing inspiration to his countless friends throughout the world.

(Elected 1964)





ERNEST TUBB Feb. 9, 1914

"The Texas Troubadour," that tall man with the distinctive voice and style, who became a giant among the early performers of country and western music, and whose career has never diminished with the succeeding years. To his millions of fans, he has become a legend. Their love is boundless. To the fledgling artist, songwriter or friend, his hand and his help have always been extended. Their gratitude is universal. (Elected 1965)

EDDY ARNOLD May 15, 1918

Born near Henderson, Tenn., Eddy Arnold first gained widespread recognition in 1946. After a humble beginning, he rose to great heights as a performer and as a recording artist, selling millions of records. He has been a powerful influence in setting musical tastes. His singing, warm personality and infectious laugh have endeared Eddy to friends and fans everywhere. (Elected 1966)



JAMES R. DENNY Feb. 28, 1911 - Aug. 27, 1963

Jim Denny was a vital person behind the scene in country music for many years. Being a leader in the publishing, management and broadcasting fields, he served to promote, protect and encourage some of the most important artists in the industry. His contribution to country music is widely recognized, and his untimely death was a tragic loss to us all. (Elected 1966)

GEORGE D. HAY Nov. 9, 1895 - May 8, 1968

"The Solemn Old Judge." A Memphis newspaperman turned radio announcer, George D. Hay carried his love of country music to radio—first in Chicago and then Nashville, as the man who originated the Grand Ole Opry. He appeared as master of ceremonies for nearly 30 years on the Opry until his retirement and was instrumental in furthering the careers of hundreds of performers.

(elected 1966)

UNCLE DAVE MACON Oct. 7, 1870 - March 22, 1952

"The Dixie Dewdrop," from Smart Station, Tennessee, was a man whose delightful sense of humor and sterling character endeared him to millions. A professional performer on the Grand Ole Opry for 26 years, he was a "Minstrel of the Countryside" prior to that. He was a country man who loved humanity and enjoyed helping others. A proficient banjoist, he was a singer of old-time ballads and was, during his time, the most popular country music artist in America. (Elected 1966)

RED FOLEY June 17, 1910 - Sept. 19, 1968

Star of the "National Barn Dance," "Grand Ole Opry," and "Ozark Jubilee." One of the most versatile and moving performers of all time. He could make you pop your fingers to "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" ... choke back a tear with "Old Shep" ... or look to your God with "Peace in the Valley." A giant influence during the formative years of contemporary country music and today a timeless legend. (Elected 1967)

J.L. (JOE) FRANK Apr. 15, 1900 - May 4, 1952

Pioneer promoter of country and western shows. His method of combining broadcasting and personal appearances moved country entertainers from rural schoolhouses into city auditoriums and coliseums. Inspired and helped to develop the careers of Roy Acuff, Gene Autry, Eddy Arnold, Pee Wee King, Minnie Pearl, Ernest Tubb, and many more. (Elected 1967)

JIM REEVES Aug. 20, 1924 - July 31, 1964

The velvet style of "Gentleman" Jim Reeves won an international influence. His rich voice brought millions of new fans to country music from every corner of the world. Although the crash of his private airplane in 1964 took his life, posterity will keep his name alive ... because they (the public) will remember him as one of country music's most important performers.

(Elected 1967)

STEPHEN H. SHOLES Feb. 12, 1911 - April 22, 1968

Record company executive and giant influence toward making country music an integral part of cultural America. With great foresight he established the first permanent residence of a major recording company in Nashville. Discovered many record stars including Eddy Arnold, Chet Atkins, Jim Reeves. Served as chairman of CMA board.

(Elected 1967)

BOB WILLS March 6, 1905 - May 13, 1975

Grandson and son of champion fiddlers, he quickly established himself king of western swing. His famous trademark, "Ahh ha, take it away, Leon." Entered radio with Light Crust Doughboys in '29. Formed Texas Playboys in the 30's. Wrote and recorded "San Antonio Rose." Appeared in 26 Hollywood pictures. A living legend whose roadmap has charted new pathways into the world of American stage, radio, TV, records and movies. (Elected 1968)

GENE AUTRY Sept. 29, 1907

America's great singing cowboy paved the way for others with his western songs on radio and in the movies, where he set box office records. He was among the first country and western performers to win worldwide acclaim. Born a cowboy, he overcame every adversity to move to the top of his field, always lending dignity to the industry. Best known as an artist and actor, he also was an accomplished writer. (Elected 1969)



BILL MONROE Sept. 13, 1911

The "Father of Bluegrass," Bill Monroe developed and perfected this music form, and taught it to many great names in the industry. Eventempered and a possessor of spiritual values, this direct descendant of the fifth president of the United States is a composer and recording artist. He helped stimulate interest in this form of down-to-earth music in colleges long after its initial popularity.

(Elected 1970)



ORIGINAL CARTER FAMILY

A.P. Carter, Dec. 15, 1891 - Nov. 7, 1960; Maybelle Carter, May 10, 1909; Sara Carter, July 21, 1899.

Bristol, Tenn. For two decades they performed as an unbeatable team. Their songs became country standards, and some of A.P.'s original compositions are among the all-time greats. They are regarded by many as the epitome of country greatness and originators of a much copied style. (Elected 1970)

ARTHUR EDWARD SATHERLY Oct. 19, 1899

Born in Bristol, England, "Uncle Art" was steeped in the traditions of Anglo-Celtic folk art. His early work with Thomas A. Edison qualified him as an expert in the fledgling American recording industry. As a talent scout, he produced such greats as Gene Autry, Bob Wills, Roy Acuff and Molly O'Day. Retired since 1953, Satherly was a pioneer record man, contributing greatly to the world-wide growth of country music.

(Elected 1971)

JIMMIE H. DAVIS Sept. 11, 1902

Performing artist, songwriter, public servant ... from his roots in rural Louisiana he gained an early love of music — "The warm living songs of the cowboys and farmers and country folks." He obtained a masters degree from Louisiana State University. He twice was elected governor of his native state and is best known for his song, "You Are My Sunshine." His humility, deep-felt responsibility to his audience, and winning way with a song has brought much sunshine to gospel and country music.

sic. (Elected 1972)



CHET ATKINS June 20, 1924

Born Chester Burton Atkins in Tennessee, he is the epitome of success-from an Appalachian farm boy to international acclaim musician, composer, arranger, producer, executive and sportsman. Long hours with his guitar resulted in a distinctive style-much copied, but unduplicated. A musician's musician. a gentleman's gentleman, his helping hand is ready to boost struggling unknowns and those less fortunate. Teacher, innovator, humanitarian, this quitarist's excellence stands a challenge for generations to come.

(Elected 1973)



PATSY CLINE Sept. 8, 1932 - March 5, 1963

Born Virginia Patterson Hensley in Virginia, Patsy will live on in country music history as one of its outstanding vocalists. Tragically, her career was cut short in its prime when she was killed in a plane crash. Her heritage of recordings is testimony to her artistic capacity. Her higgest hit. "I Fall To Pieces," has become a standard. She was catapulted to fame by an Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts appearance in 1957 and joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1960, realizing a lifelong ambition. (Elected 1974)

OWEN BRADLEY Oct. 21, 1915

Renowned as pianist and Nashville bandleader, revered as a music executive, he achieved national recognition in his roles as head of the Nashville office of Decca (now MCA) records and producer for such artists as Ernest Tubb, Red Foley, Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee and Loretta Lynn. His honesty and integrity in business affairs secured the respect of his associates and his influence encouraged the establishment of Nashville recording studios and spurred the development of the "Music Row" area.

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FRANK "PEE WEE" KING Feb. 18, 1914

Wisconsinite, accordionist, bandleader, acclaimed for his recordings and movie appearances, Pee Wee King was a nationally recognized singer. He co-wrote "Bonaparte's Retreat," "Slow Poke," "Tennessee Waltz" and others. He earned gold records and was successful as a music publisher, promoter and manager. He has been applauded for his assistance to other artists who have become significant country music performers. (Elected 1974)

MINNIE PEARL Oct. 25, 1912

Humor is the least recorded, but certainly one of the most important aspects of live country music. No one exemplifies the values of pure country comedy more than Minnie Pearl. Born Sarah Ophelia Colley, Centerville, Tenn. Educated at fashionable Ward-Belmont College. Joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1940. Her trademarks—the dimestore hat with dangling price tag and shrill 'How-Dee! I'm just so proud to be here'—made her the first country humorist to be known and loved worldwide.

(Elected 1975)

KITTY WELLS Aug. 30, 1919

Born Murial Deason in Nashville, her stage name was inspired by the folk song 'Kitty Wells.' She began as a radio performer in 1936 and as a recording artist in 1949. In true country music tradition, her sincere vocal stylings convey the real feeling of song, be they happy or sad. Her million seller, "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels" was the first of many awardwinning hits resulting in her being acclaimed "Queen of Country Music." (Elected 1976)

PAUL COHEN Nov. 10, 1908 - Apr. 1, 1971

Selling records and scouting talent in the Midwest and New York during his long association with Decca Records, Paul Cohen was the first to recognize the potential of Nashville as a recording center. The disc careers of Patsy Cline, Red Foley, Webb Pierce, Red Sovine, Ernest Tubb, Kitty Wells and others were the result of his vision; also producer Owen Bradley, who gratefully acknowledges that "Paul was my teacher." He was president of the Country Music Association the year the Hall of Fame was dedicated. (Elected 1976)

Top Of The Charts

54 Years Of Recorded Country Music

We've compiled a list of the top country songs from 1944 to 1976. It was drawn from various entertainment trade journals. Songs attaining a No. 1 position are noted with an asterisk (*).

1944 to 1963 songs are listed alphabetically, and 1963 to 1976 songs are in order by top record of the year first.

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*I'm Wastin' My Tears On You — Tex Ritter — Capitol

*Is You Or Is You Ain't? — Louis Jordan — Decca

*Pistol Packin' Mama — Crosby & Andrews Sisters — Decca

*Ration Blues - Louis Jordan - Decca

*Smoke On The Water — Red Foley — Decca

*Soldier's Last Letter — Ernest Tubb

*So Long Pal — Al Sexter — Okeh *Straighten Up And Fly Right — King Cole Trio — Capitol

*They Took The Stars Out Of Heaven

— Floyd Tillman — Decca

*Too Late To Worry - Al Dexter - Okeh

1945

*At Mail Call Today — Gene Autry — Okeh

*I'm Losing My Mind Over You - Al Dexter - Okeh

*It's Been So Long Darling — Ernest Tubb — Decca

*Oklahoma Hills — Jack Guthrie — Capitol

*Shame On You — Spade Cooley — Okeh *Silver Dew On The Blue — Bob Wills — Columbia

*Smoke On The Water — Bob Wills — Okeh

*Stars And Stripes On Iwo Jima — Bob Wills — Okeh

*There's A New Moon Over My Shoulder

— Jimmie Davis — Decca

*With Tears In My Eyes — Wesley Tuttle — Capitol

*You Two Timed Me One Time Too Often - Tex Ritter - Capitol

1946

*Divorce Me C.O.D. — Merle Travis — Capitol

*Guitar Polka — Al Dexter — Columbia *It's Been So Long Darling — Ernest Tubb — Decca

*New Spanish Two Step — Bob Wills — Columbia

*Silver Blue On The Grass Tonight — Bob Wills — Columbia *Sioux City Sue — Louis Jordan — Decca *Wine, Women And Song — Al Dexter — Columbia

*You Will Have To Pay — Tex Ritter — Capitol

1947

*Divorce Me C.O.D. — Merle Travis — Capitol

*I'll Hold You In My Heart — Eddy Arnold — RCA

*It's A Sin - Eddy Arnold - RCA

*New Jolie Blonde — Red Foley — Decca *Rainbow At Midnight — Ernest Tubb — Decca

*Smoke, Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette

— Tex Williams — Capitol

*So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed

— Merle Travis — Capitol

*Sugar Moon — Bob Wills — Columbia *What Is Life Without Love — Eddy Arnold — RCA

1948

*A Heart Full Of Love — Eddy Arnold — RCA Victor

*Anytime - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor *Bouquet Of Roses - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor

*Buttons And Bows — Gene Autry — Columbia

Cool Water — Sons Of The Pioneers — RCA Victor

Deck Of Cards — Tex Ritter — Capitol Americana

Here Comes Santa Claus — Gene Autry —Columbia

*I Love You So Much It Hurts — Floyd Tillman — Columbia

*I Love You So Much It Hurts — J. Wakely & Cowboy Copas — Capitol

*Just A Little Lovin' Will Go A Long Way — Eddy Arnold — RCA Victor Let's Say Goodbye Like We Said Hello — Ernest Tubb — Decca

*One Has My Name, The Other Has My Heart — Jimmy Wakely — Capitol

Red Roses Tied In Blue — Clyde Moody — Morris

*Signed, Sealed And Delivered — Jimmy Wakely — Capitol Americana

Tennessee Waltz — Pee Wee King — RCA Victor

*Texarkana Baby — Eddy Arnold, RCA Victor

Then I Turned And Slowly Walked Away - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor

1949

Baby, It's Cold Outside — Homer & Jethro, J. Carter — RCA Victor

*Blue Christmas - Ernest Tubb - Decca *Candy Kisses - George Morgan -Columbia *Don't Rob Another Man's Castle -Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor Have You Ever Been Lonely? - Ernest Tubb — Decca I'll Never Slip Around Again - F. Tillman - Columbia *I'm Throwing Rice At The Girl I Love - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor *Love Sick Blues - Hank Williams -MGM *Mule Train - Tennessee Ernie Ford -Capitol My Bucket's Got A Hole In It - Hank Williams - MGM Rainbow In My Heart - G. Morgan -Columbia Room Full Of Roses - G. Morgan -Columbia Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer -Gene Autry - Columbia *Slipping Around - M. Whiting & J. Wakely - Capitol Take An Old Cold 'Tater - J. Dickens Columbia

Wedding Bells — Hank Williams — MGM Why Don't You Haul Off And Love Me —W. Raney — King Will Santa Come To Shanty Town? — Eddy Arnold — RCA Victor You're Gonna Change — Hank Williams — MGM

'Till The End Of The World - J. Wakely

-Capitol

1950

Blues Tennessee Anticipation Ernie Ford - Capitol A-Sleeping At The Foot Of The Bed - Jimmy Dickens - Columbia *Birmingham Bounce - Red Foley Bushel And A Peck - M. Whiting & J. Wakely - Capitol *Chattanoogie Shoe Shine Boy Red Foley - Decca Frosty The Snow Man - Gene Autry - Columbia *Golden Locket - H. Snow - RCA Victor *Goodnight Irene - E. Tubb & Red Foley - Decca I Love You Because - E. Tubb -Decca If You Got The Money I've Got The Time - Lefty Frizzell - Columbia *I'll Sail My Ship Alone - Moon Mullican - King *I'm Moving On - Hank Snow - RCA Victor Just A Closer Walk With Thee - Red Foley. The Jordanaires - Decca *Long Gone Lonesome Blues - Hank Williams — MGM Peter Cottontail - Gene Autry -Columbia

Rag Mop – J. L. Wills – Bullet (Remember Me) I'm The One Who Loves You – S. Hamblen – Columbia *Shotgun Boogie – Tennessee Ernie Ford – Capitol Steal Away – Red Foley – Decca Why Don't You Love Me – Hank Williams – MGM

Alabama Jubilee — Red Foley — Decca Always Late — Lefty Frizzell — Columbia Beautiful Brown Eyes — J. Wakely — Capitol

Cold, Cold, Heart - Hank Williams - MGM

Dear John — Hank Williams — MGM Down Yonder — Del Wood — Tennessee

Hot Rod Race — J. Dolan — Capitol I Can't Help It — Hank Williams — MGM
*I Want To Be With You Always —

Lefty Frizzell – Columbia

*I Want To Play House With You

- Eddie Arnold - RCA Victor If Teardrops Were Pennies - Carl Smith

- Columbia *Kentucky Waltz - Eddy Arnold -

RCA Victor
*Let Old Mother Nature Have Her

Way - Carl Smith - Columbia
May The Good Lord Bless And Keep
You - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor
Mockin' Bird Hill - Pinetoppers -

Coral
Mr. Moon — Carl Smith — Columbia
My heart Cries For You — J. Wakely
— Capitol

Peace In The Valley - Red Foley - Decca

*Rhumba Boogie — Hank Snow — RCA Victor

*Slow Poke - Pee Wee King - RCA Victor

Tennessee Waltz — Patti Page — Mercury *There's Been A Change In Me — Eddy Arnold — RCA Victor

1952 *Back Street Affair — W. Pierce — Decca

*Just Don't Stand There - Carl Smith -Columbia Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes -S. McDonald - Capitol *Easy On The Eyes - Eddy Arnold -RCA Victor Fool Such As I - Hank Snow - RCA Victor Give Me More, More, More - Lefty Frizaell - Columbia Half As Much - Hank Williams - MGM Honky Tonk Blues - Hank Williams - MGM I Went To Your Wedding - Hank Snow RCA Victor *I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive - Hank Williams - MGM

Indian Love Call - S. Whitman -Imperial *It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels - Kitty Wells - Decca *Jambalava - Hank Williams - MGM *Midnight - Red Foley - Decca Settin' The Woods On Fire - Hank Williams - MGM Too Old To Cut The Mustard - Red Foley & Ernest Tubb - Decca *Wild Side Of Life - Hank Thompson - Capitol Wondering - Webb Pierce - Decca

1953

Bimbo - J. Reeves - Capitol Bumming Around - T. Tex Tyler -Decca Crying In The Chapel - Rex Allen -Decca *Dear John Letter - J. Shepard, F. Husky - Capitol Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes -Red Foley - Decca *Eddy's Song - Eddy Arnold - RCA Forgive Me John - J. Shepard & F. Husky - Capitol *Hey Joe - Carl Smith - Columbia I Couldn't Keep From Crying - M. Robbins - Columbia *I Forgot More Than You'll Ever Know -Davis Sisters - Savoy *It's Been So Long - W. Pierce -*Kaw-Liga — Hank Williams — MGM Let Me Be The One - H. Locklin -Four Star Mexican Joe - J. Reeves -- Abbott Satisfaction Guaranteed - Carl Smith Take These Chains From My Heart -Hank Williams - MGM *There Stands The Glass - W. Pierce You All Come - A. Duff - Starday

1954

Your Cheatin' Heart - Hank Williams

- MGM

Victor

Breakin' The Rules - Hank Thompson Capitol Even Tho - W. Pierce - Decca *I Don't Hurt Anymore - Hank Snow -RCA Victor I Get So Lonely (Oh Baby Mine) -Johnnie & Jack - RCA Victor I Really Don't Want To Know - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor If You Don't Someone Else Will - Jimmy & Johnny - Chess Let Me Go Lover - Hank Snow - RCA Victor Looking Back To See - Justin Tubb & G. Hill - Decca *Loose Talk - Carl Smith - Columbia More And More - W. Pierce - Decca My Everything - Eddy Arnold - RCA

One By One - Kitty Wells & Red Foley -Decca River Of No Return - Tennessee Ernie Ford - Capitol Rose Marie - S. Whitman - Imperial Secret Love - S. Whitman - Imperial *Slowly - W. Pierce - Decca This Old House - S. Hamblen - RCA

Victor We've Gone Too Far - H. Thompson -Capitol

You're Not Mine Anymore - W. Pierce Decca

1955

Ballad of Davy Crockett - Tennessee Ernie Ford - Capitol **Beautiful Lies** – J. Shepard – Capitol *Cattle Call – E. Arnold – RCA Victor Hearts Of Stone - Red Foley - Decca * I Don't Care - W. Pierce - Decca *In The Jailhouse Now - W. Pierce -Decca Lonely Side Of Town - Kitty Wells -Decca *Love, Love - W. Pierce - Decca Making Believe - K. Wells - Decca *Mystery Train - Elvis Presley - Sun Satisfied Mind - R. & B. Foley - Decca *Sixteen Tons Tennessee Ernie Ford - Captiol That's All Right - M. Robbins - Columbia There She Goes - Carl Smith - Colum-Why, Baby, Why - G. Jones - Starday Wildwood Flower - Hank Thompson Capitol Yellow Roses - Hank Snow - RCA Victor

1956

Blue Suede Shoes - C. Perkins - Hi-Lo *Crazy Arms - R. Price - Columbia *Heartbreak Hotel - Elvis Presley -RCA Victor *Hound Dog - Elvis Presley - RCA I Walk The Line - Johnny Cash - Sun I'm The One-Woman Man - J. Horton Columbia Love Me Tender - Elvis Presley - RCA *My Baby Left Me - Elvis Presley -RCA Victor My Lips Are Sealed — J. Reeves — RCA Victor *Singing The Blues - M. Robbins -Columbia *Why, Baby, Why - W. Sovinet & W. Pierce - Decca Wicked Lies - Carl Smith - Columbia You Don't Know Me - Eddy Arnold -RCA Victor You're Free To Go - Carl Smith - Col-

umbia

1957

All Shook Up - Elvis Presley - RCA Victor Am I Losing You - J. Reeves - RCA

Victor

*Bye Bye Love - Everly Bros. - Cadence Four Walls - J. Reeves - RCA Victor *Fraulein - Bobby Helms - Decca Gonna Find Me A Bluebird - M. Rain-

water - MGM

*Great Balls Of Fire - Jerry Lee Lewis

Honeycomb - Jimmie Rodgers - Rou-

*Jailhouse Rock - Elvis Presley - RCA Victor

Kisses Sweeter Than Wine - Jimmie Rodgers - Roulette

My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You -Ray Price - Columbia

*My Special Angel - Bobby Helms -

*(Since You've) Gone - Ferlin Husky - Capitol

*Teddy Bear - Elvis Presley - RCA Victor

*The Story Of My Life - Marty Robbins - Columbia

Too Much - Elvis Presley - RCA Victor *Wake Up Little Susie - Everly Bros. -Cadence

*White Sport Coat - M. Robbins - Col-

*Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On - Jerry Lee Lewis - Sun

Young Love — S. James — Capitol

1958

*All I have To Do Is Dream - Everly Bros. - Cadence

*Anna Marie - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor

*Ballad Of A Teenage Queen - Johnny Cash - Sun

*Bird Dog - Everly Brothers - Cadence *Breathless - Jerry Lee Lewis - Sun

*City Lights - Ray Price - Columbia *Guess Things Happen That Way -Johnny Cash - Sun

*Hard Headed Woman - Elvis Presley - RCA Victor

*I Beg Of You - Elvis Presley - RCA

*I Can't Stop Loving You - Kitty Wells

- Decca

*It's A little More Like Heaven -Hank Locklin - RCA Victor

*Oh Lonesome Me - Don Gibson -**RCA Victor**

*Oh-Oh I'm Falling, In Love Again -Jimmie Rodgers - Roulette

*Pick Me Up On Your Way Down -Charlie Walker — Columbia

*Poor Little Fool - Rick Nelson -Imperial

*Secretly - Jimmie Rodgers - Roulette *Send Me The Pillow You Dream On -Hank Locklin - RCA Victor *Squaws Along The Yukon - Hank

Thompson - Capitol

*The Ways Of A Woman In Love -Johnny Cash - Sun

*Tupelo County Jail - Webb Pierce -Decca

*Wear My Ring Around Your Neck -Elvis Presley - RCA Victor

1959

Am I That Easy To Forger - Carl Belew - Decca

*Battle Of New Orelans - Johnny Horton - Columbia

Cabin In The Sky - L. Flatt & E. Scruggs - Columbia

*Country Girl - Faron Young - Capitol *Don't Take Your Guns To Town -Johnny Cash - Columbia

*El Paso - Marty Robbins - Columbia Gotta Travel On - Billy Grammer -Monument

Heartaches By The Number - Ray Price - Columbia

*He'll Have To Go - Jim Reeves - RCA

Long Black Veil - Lefty Frizzell - Columbia

*Same Old Me - Ray Price - Columbia Scarlet Ribbons - The Browns - RCA Victor

*The Three Bells - The Browns - RCA Victor

(Til) I Kissed You - Everly Brothers -Cadence Under Your Spell Again - Buck Owens

- Capitol *Waterloo - Stonewall Jackson - Col-

umbia

*When It's Springtime In Alaska -Johnny Horton - Columbia

*White Lightning - George Jones -Mercury

1960

A Lovely Work Of Art - Jimmy Newman - MGM

Above And Beyond - Buck Owens -Capitol

*Alabam - Cowboy Copas - Starday Am I Losing You - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor

Big Iron - Marty Robbins - Columbia Excuse Me (I Think I've Got A Heartache) - Buck Owens - Capitol

Face To The Wall - Faron Young -Capitol

Fallen Angel - Webb Pierce - Decca Family Bible - Claud Gray - Decca

Let's Think About Living — Bob Luman Warner Bros.

Miller's Cave - Hank Snow - RCA Victor

No Love Have I - Webb Pierce - Decca *North To Alaska - Johnny Horton -Columbia

*On The Wings Of A Dove - Ferlin Husky - Capitol

*Please Help Me I'm Falling - Hank Locklin - RCA Victor

Sink The Bismarck - Johnny Horton -Columbia

Tips Of My Fingers - Bill Anderson -

Your Old Used To Be - Faron Young -Capitol

1961

*Big Bad John - Jimmy Dean -Columbia

Crazy - Patsy Cline - Decca

*Don't Worry (Like All The Other Times) - Marty Robbins - Columbia *Heartbreak USA - Kitty Wells - Decca *Hello Walls - Faron Young - Capitol How Do You Talk To A Baby - Webb Pierce - Decca

I Dreamed Of A Hillbilly Heaven - Tex Ritter - Capitol

*I Fall To Pieces - Patsy Cline - Decca In The Middle Of A Heartache - Wanda Jackson - Capitol

It's Your World - Marty Robbins - Columbia

Louisiana Man - Rusty & Doug -Hickory

Loving You - Bob Gallion - Hickory Po' Folks - Bill Anderson - Decca San Antonio Rose - Floyd Cramer - RCA Victor

Sea Of Heartbreak - Don Gibson -RCA Victor

Sweet Dreams - Don Gibson - RCA Victor

*Tender Years - George Jones -Mercury

The Blizzard - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor

*Walk On By - Leroy Van Dyke -Mercury

When Two Worlds Collide - Roger Miller - RCA Victor

Window Up Above - George Jones Mercury

You're The Reason - Bobby Edwards - Crest

1962

A Little Bitty Tear - Burl Ives - Decca *Ballad Of Jed Clampett - Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs - Columbia

*Charlie's Shoes - Billy Walker -Columbia

*Devil Woman - Marty Robbins -Columbia

*Don't Let Me Cross Over - Carl Butler Columbia

Funny Way Of Laughin' - Burl Ives - Decca

In The Jailhouse Now - Johnny Cash - Columbia

It Keeps Right On A-Hurtin' - Johnny Tillotson - Cadence *I've Been Everywhere - Hank Snow

 RCA Victor *Mama Sang A Song - Bill Anderson

Decca

*Misery Loves Company - Porter Wagoner - RCA Victor

Old Rivers - Walter Brennan - Liberty P.T. 109 - Jimmy Dean - Columbia *Ruby Ann - Marty Robbins -Columbia

*She Thinks | Still Care - George Jones - United Artists

*She's Got You - Patsy Cline - Decca *That's My Pa - Sheb Wooley - MGM Trouble's Back In Town - Wilburn Brothers - Decca

*Wolverton Mountain - Claude King - Columbia

1963

Abilene - George Hamilton IV - RCA Victor

*Act Naturally - Buck Owens - Capitol Detroit City - Bobby Bare - RCA Victor

Down By The River - Faron Young - Capitol

From A Jack To A King - Ned Miller - Fabor

Leavin' On Your Mind - Patsy Cline Decca

*Lonesome 7-7203 - H. Hawkins -Kina *Ring Of Fire - Johnny Cash -

Columbia Roll Muddy River - Wilburn Brothers

Six Days On The Road - Dave Dudley - Golden Wing

*Still - Bill Anderson - Decca

For Texas - Granpa Jones -Monument

Talk Back Tremblin' Lips - Ernest Ashworth - Hickory

The End Of The World - Skeeter Davis - RCA Victor

We Must Have Been Out Of Our MInds - George Jones & Melba Montgomery - UA

1964

My Heart Skips A Beat - Buck Owens - Capitol

Welcome To My World - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor

Saginaw, Michigan - Lefty Frizzell

 Columbia Burning Memories - Ray Price -

Columbia Understand Your Man - Johnny Cash Columbia

Together Again — Buck Owens — Capitol This White Circle On My Finger - Kitty Wells - Decca

Keeping Up With The Joneses - Margie Singleton & Faron Young - Mercury B.J. The D.J. - Stonewall Jackson Columbia

Begging To You - Marty Robbins -Columbia

Looking For More in '64 - Jim Nesbitt Columbia - Chart Before I'm Over You - Loretta Lynn Decca Wine, Woman And Song — Loretta Lynn Five Little Fingers - Bill Anderson -Long Gone Lonesome Blues - Hank - Capitol Williams, Jr. - MGM Love Is No Excuse - Jim Reeves & Victor Dottie West - RCA Victor Sorrow On The Rocks - Porter Wagoner Decca - RCA Victor A Week In The Country - Ernest Ashworth - Hickory

1965

Your Heart Turned Left (And I Was On

Memory No. 1 - Webb Pierce - Decca

The Right) - George Jones - UA

Memory No. 1

Columbia

Capitol

Lynn - Decca

Arnold - RCA Victor

1966

Almost Persuaded - David Houston -

Giddyup Go - Red Sovine - Starday Make The World Go Away - Eddy

Swinging Doors - Merle Haggard -

You Ain't Woman Enough - Loretta

Think Of Me - Buck Owens - Capitol

King Of The Road - Roger Miller -Smash Little Darlin' I've Got A Tiger By The Tail - Buck Owens - Capitol 1967 You're The Only World I Know - Sonny All The Time - Jack Greene - Decca James - Capitol This Is It - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor George Jones - Musicar First Thing Every Morning - Jimmy Dean - Columbia Stewart - Capitol Yes, Mr. Peters - Roy Drusky & Priscilla Mitchell - Mercury Owens - Capitol What's He Doing In My World - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor Tammy Wynette - Epic Ten Little Bottles - Johnny Bond -Starday Greene - Decca The Other Woman - Ray Price -Columbia The Bridge Washed Out - Warner Mack Decca Once A Day - Connie Smith - RCA Victor Victor Before You Go - Buck Owens - Capitol Yakety Axe - Chet Atkins - RCA Victor Wagoner - RCA Victor. Girl On The Billboard - Del Reeves -United Artists I Don't Care - Buck Owens - Capitol James - Capitol I Washed My Hands In Muddy Water -Stonewall Jackson - Columbia Anderson - Decca Engine, Engine No. 9 - Roger Miller -Smash Haggard - Capitol Is It Really Over - Jim Reeves - RCA Haggard - Capitol Happy Birthday - Loretta Lynn - Decca Ribbon Of Darkness — Marty Robbins -

Flowers On The Wall - Statler Bros. -Waitin' In Your Welfare Line - Buck Owens - Capitol Would You Hold It Against Me - Dottie West - RCA Victor Snow Flake - Jim Reeves - RCA Victor Tippy Toeing - Harden Trio - Columbia Take Good Care Of Her - Sonny James Distant Drums - Jim Reeves - RCA I Love You Drops - Bill Anderson -Standing In The Shadows - Hank Williams, Jr. - MGM I Want To Go With You - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor Don't Touch Me - Jeannie Seely -Monument True Love's A Blessing - Sonny James Capitol Blue Side Of Lonesome - Jim Reeves -RCA Victor Lovin' Machine - Johnny Paycheck -

Walk Through This World With Me -It's Such A Pretty World Today - Wynn Where Does The Good Times Go - Buck Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad -There Goes My Everything - Jack Need You - Sonny James - Capitol Sam's Place - Buck Owens - Capitol With One Exception - David Houston -Lonely Again - Eddy Arnold - RCA Cold, Hard Facts Of Life - Porter If I Kiss You - Lynn Anderson - Chart I'll Never Find Another You - Sonny Get While The Gettin's Good - Bill I'm A Lonesome Fugitive - Merle Threw Away The Roses - Merle I Won't Come In While He's There -Jim Reeves - RCA Victor Urge For Going - George Hamilton IV RCA Victor Misty Blue - Eddy Arnold - RCA Victor I Know Me - Charlie Pride - RCA Victor

1968

Skip A Rope - Hanson Cargill -Monument World Of Our Own - Sonny James -Capitol D-I-V-O-R-C-E - Tammy Wynette - Epic I Wanna Live - Glen Campbell - Capitol Folsom Prison Blues - Johnny Cash -Columbia Honey - Bobby Goldsboro - United Artists Wild Weekend - Bill Anderson - Decca Fist City - Loretta Lynn - Decca The Legend Of Bonnie & Clyde - Merle Haggard - Capitol Image Of Me - Conway Twitty - Decca Take Me To Your World - Tammy Wynette - Epic With Pen In Hand - Johnny Darrell -**United Artists** Sing Me Back Home - Merle Haggard - Capitol Another Time, Another Place - Jerry Lee Lewis - Smash The Day The World Stood Still -Charley Pride - RCA Victor How Long Will My Baby Be Gone -Buck Owens & His Buckaroos - Capitol Heaven Says Hello - Sonny James -Just For You - Ferlin Husky - Capitol I'm Gonna Move On - Warner Mack -Have A Little Faith - David Houston -Epic

1969

Daddy Sang Bass - Johnny Cash -Columbia Only The Lonely - Sonny James -Capitol My Life - Bill Anderson - Decca Statue Of A Fool - Jack Greene - Decca Running Bear - Sonny James - Capitol Hungry Eyes - Merle Haggard - Capitol I Love You More Today - Conway Twitty - Decca Galveston - Glen Campbell - Capitol Who's Gonna Mow Your Grass -- Buck Owens & His Buckaroos - Capitol Johnny B. Goode - Buck Owens & His Buckaroos - Capitol I'll Share My World With You - George Jones - Musicar Singing My Song - Tammy Wynette -Epic (Margie's) At The Lincoln Park Inn -Bobby Bare - RCA Until My Dreams Come True - Jack Greene - Decca Darling You Know I Wouldn't Lie -Conway Twitty - Decca Woman Of The World (Leave My World Alone) -- Loretta Lynn -- Decca Rings Of Gold - Dottie West & Don Gibson - RCA Goodtime Charlie - Del Reeves -**United Artists** Kaw-Liga - Charley Pride - RCA Games People Play - Freddy Weller -Columbia 1970

Hello Darlin' — Conway Twitty — Decca Tennessee Birdwalk — Jack Blanchard & Misty Morgan — Wayside It's Just A Matter Of Time - Sonny James - Capitol Is Anybody Goin' To San Antone -Charley Pride - RCA Victor My Love - Sonny James - Capitol Fightin' Side Of Me - Merle Haggard & The Strangers - Capitol Don't Keep Me Hangin' On - Sonny James - Capitol Wonder Could I Live There Anymore -Charley Pride - RCA Victor He Loves Me All The Way - Tammy Wynette - Epic My Woman, My Woman, My Wife -Marty Robbins - Columbia Pool Shark - Dave Dudley - Mercury A Week In A Country Jail - Tom T. Hall - Mercury For The Good Times - Ray Price -Columbia I Do My Swinging At Home - David Houston - Epic Baby, Baby (I Know You're A Lady) -David Houston - Epic She's A Little Bit Country - George Hamilton IV - RCA Victor Heart Over Mind - Mel Tillis - Kapp Long Long Texas Road - Roy Drusky -Mercury Once More With Feeling - Jerry Lee Lewis -- Smash If I Ever Fall In Love - Faron Young -Mercury 1971

I Won't Mention It Again - Ray Price - Columbia Help Me Make It Through The Night -Sammi Smith - Mega When You're Hot You're Hot - Jerry Reed - RCA Victor Empty Arms - Sonny James - Capitol I'm Just Me - Charley Pride - RCA Victor How Much More Can She Stand -Conway Twitty - Decca Rose Garden - Lynn Anderson -Columbia You're My Man - Lynn Anderson -Columbia I'd Rather Love You - Charley Pride -RCA Victor After The Fire Is Gone - Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn — Decca Bright Lights, Big City - Sonny James Capitol Just One Time - Connie Smith - RCA Victor Ruby (Are You Mad) - Buck Owens & The Buckaroos — Capitol We Sure Can Love Each Other — Tammy Wynette - Epic Knock Three Times - Billy "Crash" Craddock - Cartwheel I Wann Be Free — Loretta Lynn — Decca Come Sundown - Bobby Bare - Mercury A Woman Always Knows - David Promised Land - Freddy Weller Columbia Step Aside - Faron Young - Mercury

1972 My Hang Up Is You - Freddie Hart -Capitol Happiest Girl In The Whole U.S.A. -Donna Fargo - Dot (Famous) It's Gonna Take A Little Bit Longer -Charley Pride - RCA Think About It Darlin'/Chantilly Lace -Jerry Lee Lewis - Mercury It's Four In The Morning - Faron Young - Mercury Carolyn - Merle Haggard - Capitol Eleven Roses - Hank Williams, Jr. -MGM One's On The Way - Loretta Lynn -Decca (MCA) (Lost Her Love) On Our First Date -Conway Twitty - Decca Made In Japan - Buck Owens - Capitol Woman (Sensuous Woman) - Don Gibson - Hickory Good Hearted Woman - Waylon Jennings

 RCA
 Only Love Can Break A Heart — Sonny James — Capitol

Grandma Harp - Merle Haggard -

Capitol

Delta Dawn — Tanya Tucker — Columbia

Cry — Lynn Anderson — Columbia

To Get To You — Jerry Wallace — Decca
(MCA)

Bedtime Story — Tammy Wynette — Epic Ann (Don't Go Runnin') — Tommy Overstreet — Dot (Famous)

A Thing Called Love — Johnny Cash & Evangel Choir — Columbia

1973

Behind Closed Doors — Charlie Rich —

Epic (Columbia)
Teddy Bear Song — Barbara Fairchild —
Columbia
Why Me — Kris Kristofferson — Monument (Columbia)
Satin Sheets — Jeanne Pruett — MCA
What's Your Mama's Name — Tanya
Tucker — Columbia
Amanda/Come Early Morning — Don
Williams — JMI
Love Is The Foundation — Loretta Lynn

- MCA

Kids Say The Darndest Things — Tammy Wynette — Epic (Columbia)

Trip To Heaven — Freddy Hart — Capitol Don't Fight The Feelings Of Love — Charley Pride — RCA

Come Live With Me — Roy Clark — Dot (Famous)

You Always Come Back (To Hurting Me) — Johnny Rodriguez — Mercury (Phonogram)

Keep Me In Mind — Lynn Anderson — Columbia

The Lord Knows I'm Drinking — Cal Smith — MCA

Superman — Donna Fargo — Dot (Famous) 'Til I Get It Right — Tammy Wynette —

Epic (Columbia)

Lord Mr. Ford - Jerry Reed - RCA

Everybody's Had The Blues — Merle Haggard — Capitol Super Kind Of Woman — Freddy Hart — Capitol

You Were Always There — Donna Fargo — Dot (Famous)

1974

The Most Beautiful Girl — Charlie Rich — Epic (Columbia)

Guess Who - Jerry Wallace - MCA If We Make It Through December -Merle Haggard - Capitol

Another Lonely Song — Tammy Wynette — Epic (Columbia)

I Love — Tom T. Hall — Mercury (Phonogram)

He Thinks I Still Care — Anne Murray — Capitol

There Won't Be Anymore — Charlie Rich — Epic (Columbia)

The Last Love Song — Hank Williams Jr. — MGM

Rub It In — Billy "Crash" Craddock — ABC

Marie Laveau — Bobby Bare — MGM Let Me Be There — Olivia Newton-John — MCA

We're Gonna Hold On — Tammy Wynette & George Jones — Epic (Columbia)

If You Love Me — Olivia Newton-John — MCA

Midnight, Me & The Blues — Mel Tillis — MGM

I'm Still Loving You — Joe Stampley — ABC/Dot

Jolene - Dolly Parton - RCA

Would You Lay With Me (In A Field Of Stone) — Tanya Tucker — Columbia I'll Never Break These Chains — Tommy Overstreet — ABC/Dot

Love Song - Anne Murray - Capitol

1975

Reconsider Me — Narvel Felts — ABC/ Dot

It's Time To Pay The Fiddler - Cal Smith - MCA

You're My Best Friend — Don Williams — ABC/Dot

Wrong Road Again — Crystal Gayle — United Artists

Trouble In Paradise — Loretta Lynn —MCA

Lizzie & The Rainman — Tanya Tucker — MCA

Before The Next Teardrop Falls — Freddy Fender — ABC/Dot

I See The Want To In Your Eyes - Conway Twitty - MCA

Window Up Above - Mickey Gilley, Playboy

Tryin' To Beat The Morning Home — T.G. Sheppard, Melodyland (Motown) Devil In The Bottle — T.G. Sheppard — Melodyland (Motown)

I'm Not Lisa — Jessi Colter — Capitol Touch The Hand — Conway Twitty — MCA I Can't Help It (If I'm Still In Love With You) — Linda Ronstadt — Capitol Get On My Love Train — LaCosta — Capitol (Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song — B.J. Thomas — ABC Love Is Like A Butterfly — Dolly Parton — RCA Country Is — Tom T. Hall — Mercury

Always Wanting You - Merle Haggard -

(Phonogram)

- ABC/Dot

Capitol

Misty — Ray Stevens — Barnaby, (Janus) 1976 Convoy - C.W. McCail - MGM Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain - Willie Nelson - Columbia Goodhearted Woman - Waylon & Willie - RCA Blind Man In The Bleachers - Kenny Starr - MCA Sometimes - Bill & Mary Lou - MCA I'll Get Over You - Crystal Gayle -United Artists Daydreams About Night Things Ronnie Milsap – RCA Stranger - Johnny Duncan - Columbia San Antonio Stroll - Tanva Tucker -MCA This Time I've Hurt Her More Than She Loves Me - Conway Twitty - MCA Rocky Dickey Lee RCA Easy As Pie - Billy "Crash" Craddock

Till The Rivers All Run Dry — Don Williams — ABC/Dot All These Things — Joe Stampley — ABC/Dot

Don't Cry Joni - Conway Twitty - MCA

White Knight — Cledus Maggard — Mercury

One Piece At A Time — Johnny Cash —
Columbia
Rhinestone Cowbox — Glea Campbell

Rhinestone Cowboy — Glen Campbell — Capitol It's All In The Movies — Merle Haggard

CapitolSecret Love — Freddy Fender — ABC/Dot

VINTAGE HITS

1923: Sally Goodin'/Ragtime Annie - Eck Robertson; Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane - Fiddlin' John Carson; Arkansas Traveler/Turkey in the Straw - Eck Robertson and Henry Gilliland; Wreck on the Southern Old 97 - Henry Whittier. 1924: The Prisoner's Song · Vernon Dalhart; The Wreck of the Old 97 - Vernon Dalhart; Little Rosewood Casket - Ernest Thompson; Old Joe Clark - Fiddlin' Powers and Family; Rock All Our Babies To Sleep - Riley Puckett. 1925: The Death of Floyd Collins - Vernon Dalhart; When The Work's All Done This Fall - Carl T. Sprague; Roving Gambler - Kelly Harrell; Letter Edged In Black - Vernon Dalhart; Don't Let Your Deal Go Down - Charlie Poole. 1926: The Dying Cowboy - Carl T. Sprague; Ida Red - Riley Puckett; Hand Me Down My Walking Cane - Kelly Harrell: Old Joe Clark - Gid Tanner and the Skillet Lickers; Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane - Ernest Stoneman. 1927: Sleep Baby Sleep - Jimmie Rodgers; Wednesday Night Waltz/Goodnight Waltz - Leake County Revelers; Golden Slippers/My Blue Ridge Mountain Home - Vernon Dalhart; Lindbergh (The Eagle of the U.S.A.) - Vernon Dalhart; John Henry - Gid Tanner and the Skillet Lickers.

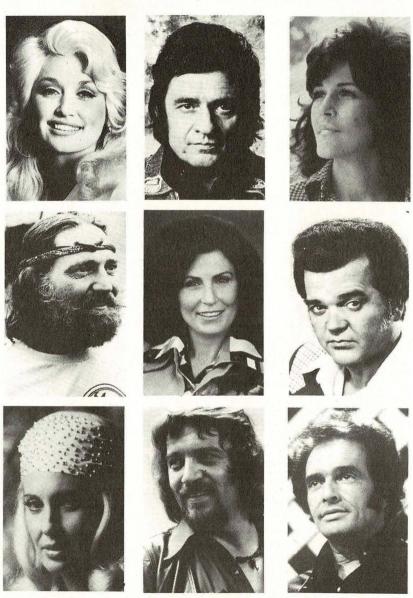
1928: Blue Yodel - Jimmie Rodgers; Daddy and Home/My Old Pal - Jimmie Rodgers; Waiting For A Train - Jimmie Rodgers; Birmingham Jail/Columbus Stockade Blues - Darby and Tarleton; Bury Me Under The Weeping Willow - Carter Family. 1929: I'm Thinking Tonight Of My Blue Eyes - Carter Family; My Clinch Mountain Home - Carter Family; My Carolina Sunshine Girl - Jimmie Rodgers; Foggy Mountain Top -Carter Family; Desert Blues - Jimmie Rodgers. 1930: LuLu Wall/Sweet Fern - Carter Family; Frankie and Johnny - Jimmie Rodgers; I Left My Gal in the Mountains - Gene Autry; Worried Man Blues/The Cannonball - Carter Family; Naw, I Don't Wanta Be Rich - Carson Robison. 1931: Blue Yodel #8 (Muleskinner Blues) - Jimmie Rodgers; Moonlight and Skies - Jimmie Rodgers; New Salty Dog - Allen Brothers; Lonesome Valley - Carter Family; Strawberry Roan -Beverly Hillbillies. 1932: That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine - Gene Autry and Jimmy Long; My Mary - Stuart Hamblen; Mother the Queen of My Heart/Rock All Our Babies To Sleep - Jimmie Rodgers; Twenty-One Years - Bob Miller; Moonlight and Skies - Gene Autry.

1933: Yellow Rose of Texas - Gene Autry and Jimmie Long: Peach Pickin' Time in Georgia -Jimmie Rodgers; The Death of Jimmie Rodgers - Gene Autry; There's An Empty Cot in the Bunkhouse Tonight - Gene Autry; Seven Years With The Wrong Woman - Bob Miller. 1934: The Last Roundup - Gene Autry; Brown's Ferry Blues -Delmore Brothers; Down Yonder/Back Up and Push - Gid Tanner and the Skillet Lickers; Beautiful Texas - Light Crust Doughboys/Jimmie Davis; I'm Here To Get My Baby Out Of Jail -Karl and Harty. 1935: Tumbling Tumbleweeds -Gene Autry; I Want To Be A Cowboy's Sweetheart · Patsy Montana; Nobody's Darlin' But Mine - Gene Autry/Jimmie Davis; Under The Double Eagle - Bill Boyd's Cowboy Ramblers; Cattle Call - Tex Owens. 1936: Mexicali Rose -Gene Autry; Maple On The Hill - J.E. Mainer's Mountaineers; What Would You Give In Exchange For Your Soul? Monroe Brothers; Spanish Two-Step - Bob Wills; Texas Sand - Tune Wranglers. 1937: Steel Guitar Rag - Bob Wills; The Great Speckled Bird - Roy Acuff; Trouble In Mind - Bob Wills; Right Or Wrong/Get Along Home Cindy - Bob Wills; Steel Guitar Blues/Steel Guitar Chimes - Roy Acuff.

1938: Wabash Cannonball - Roy Acuff; There's A Gold Mine In The Sky - Gene Autry; Maiden's Prayer - Bob Wills; Take Me Back To My Boots and Saddle - Gene Autry; When It's Springtime In The Rockies - Gene Autry. 1939: San Antonio Rose - Bob Wills; New Spanish Two-Step/Spanish Fandango - Bill Boyd; It Makes No Difference Now - Jimmie Davis; Sparkling Blue Eyes - Wade Mainer; Back In The Saddle Again - Gene Autry. 1940: New San Antonio Rose - Bob Wills; You Are My Sunshine - Jimmie Davis; South Of The Border - Gene Autry; Worried Mind - Ted Daffan; Too Late - Jimmy Wakely/Jimmie Davis. 1941: You Are My Sunshine/It Makes No

Difference Now - Gene Autry; I'm Walking The Floor Over You - Ernest Tubb; Take Me Back To Tulsa - Bob Wills; When My Blue Moon Turns To Gold/Live And Let Live - Wiley Walker and Gene Sullivan; Be Honest With Me - Gene Autry. 1942: There's A Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere - Elton Britt; My Life's Been A Pleasure/ Please Don't Leave Me - Bob Wills; The Honey

Song - Louise Massey and the Westerners; Wreck On The Highway/Fireball Mail - Roy Acuff; Tweedle-O-Twill - Gene Autry. 1943: Pistol Packin' Mama - Al Dexter; Born To Lose/ No Letter Today Ted Daffan; Night Train To Memphis/Low and Lonely - Roy Acuff; Home In San Antone/Miss Molly - Bob Wills; You Nearly Lose Your Mind - Ernest Tubb.



While early hit songs belonged to people whose names were Eck Robertson and Vernon Dalhart, today's chart busters are the products of a new breed like (top row from left) Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash and Donna Fargo; (middle, from left) Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty, and (bottom, from left) Tammy Wynette, Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard.

GOLD: Albums, Records

Albums

Lynn Anderson — Rose Garden ('71).

Eddy Arnold — My World ('66); The Best of Eddy Arnold ('68).

Glen Campbell — By The Time I Get To Phoenix ('68); Gentle On My Mind ('68); Witchita Lineman ('68); Galveston ('68); Hey Little One ('69); Try A Little Kindness ('70); Glen Campbell's Greatest Hits ('72). With Bobbie Gentry — Gentry-Campbell ('69).

Johnny Cash — Johnny Cash At San Quentin ('68); Ring Of Fire ('65); I Walk The Line ('67); Johnny Cash At Folsom Prison ('68); The Holy Land ('69); Johnny Cash's Greatest Hits ('69); Johnny Cash At San Quentin ('69); Hello I'm Johnny Cash ('71); The World Of Johnny Cash ('71).

Mac Davis — Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me ('73); Stop And Smell The Roses ('74); All The Love In The World ('76).

Jimmy Dean — Big, Bad John '61).

John Denver — Aerie ('72); Rocky Mountain High ('72); Farewell Andromeda ('73); John Denver's Greatest Hits ('73); An Evening With John Denver ('75); Spirit ('76).

Donna Fargo — The Happiest Girl In The Whole U.S.A. ('73).

Eagles — On The Border ('74); Desperado ('74).

Tennessee Ernie Ford — Hymns ('59); Spirituals ('61); Star Carol ('62); Nearer The Cross ('62).

Bobby Goldsboro — Honey. Merle Haggard & The Strangers — Okie From Muskogee ('70); The Fightin' Side Of Me ('71); The Best Of Merle Haggard ('72); The Best Of Merle Haggard ('74).

Freddie Hart — Easy Lovin

('72).

Johnny Horton — Johnny Horton's Greatest Hits ('64).

Kris Kristofferson — The Silver Tongued Devil & I ('72); The Silver Tongued Devil & I ('73); Me And Bobby McGee ('74); Jesus Was A Capricorn ('73).

Loretta Lynn — Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' ('70); Loretta Lynn's Greatest Hits ('72).

C.W. McCall — Black Bear Road ('76).

Roger Miller — Return Of Roger Miller ('65); Golden Hits ('66); Dang Me ('66).

Anne Murray — Snowbird ('73).

Olivia Newton-John — If You Love Me, Let Me Know ('74); Let Me Be There ('74); Come On Over ('76).

Willie Nelson — Red Headed Stranger ('76). With Waylon Jennings, Jessi Colter and Tompall — The Outlaws ('76).

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band — William E. McEuen Presents; Will The Circle Be Unbroken (73).

Roy Orbison — Roy Orbison's Greatest Hits ('66).

Buck Owens — Best Of Buck Owens ('68).

Pointer Sisters — The Pointer Sisters ('74); That's A Plenty ('74).

Elvis Presley — Elvis As Recorded At Madison Square Garden ('72); World Wide 50 Gold Award Hits, Vol. 1 ('73); Elvis—Aloha from Hawaii Via

Satellite ('73); Elvis—That's The Way It Is ('73).

Ray Price — For The Good

Times ('71).

Charley Pride — Best Of Charley Pride ('70); Just Plain Charley ('71); Charley Pride In Person ('71); Charley Pride's 10th Album ('71); Charley Pride Sings Heart Songs ('72); Best Of Charley Pride ('72); The Sensational Charley Pride ('73); From Me To You ('73).

Boots Randolph — Boots With Strings ('69).; Yakety Sax ('67).

Jim Reeves — The Best Of Jim Reeves ('66); Distant Drums ('68).

Charlie Rich — Behind Closed Doors ('73); Very Special Love Song ('74); There Won't Be Anymore ('74).

Jeannie C. Riley - Harper

Valley P.T.A. ('68).

Marty Robbins — Gunfighter Ballads And Trail Songs ('65).

S-Sgt. Barry Sadler — Ballad Of The Green Berets ('65).

Z.Z. Top — Tres Hombres.

Conway Twitty — Hello

Darlin' ('72).

Hank Williams — Your Cheatin' Heart ('69); Hank Williams Greatest Hits ('69).

Tammy Wynette — Tammy's

Greatest Hits ('70).

Records

Roy Acuff — Great Speckled Bird; Wabash Cannonball ('48). Bill Anderson — Still.

Lynn Anderson — Rose Garden ('71).

Eddy Arnold — Bouquet of Roses ('48); Anytime.

Gene Austin — Ramona ('28).
Gene Autry — Here comes
Santa Claus ('50); Rudolph The
Red Nosed Reindeer ('50) ('69);
Silver Haired Daddy ('39);
Frosty The Snowman ('52);
Peter Cottontail ('55).

Jeanne Black — He'll Have to

Stay ('60).

Johnny Bond — Ten Little Bottles.

Pat Boone — I Almost Lost My Mind ('56).

Jimmy Boyd — I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus ('52).

Elton Britt — There's A Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere ('42).

The Browns — The Three

Bells ('59).

Glen Campbell — Wichita Lineman ('69); Galveston ('69).

Fiddlin' John Carson — You'll Never Miss Your Mother Till She's Gone.

Carter Family — Old Joe Clark; Wildwood Flower.

Johnny Cash — I Walk The Line; Don't Take Your Guns To Town; A Boy Named Sue ('69).

Cowboy Copas — Tennessee Waltz ('50); Alabam'; Signed, Sealed and Delivered ('50).

Floyd Cramer — Last Date ('61).

Vernon Dalhart — Prisoner's Song ('24).

Jimmy Davis — You Are My Sunshine.

Mac Davis — Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me ('72).

Skeeter Davis — I Forgot More; End Of The World.

Jimmy Dean — Big Bad John ('61); I.O.U. ('76).

John Denver — Take Me Home Country Roads ('71); Sunshine On My Shoulder ('74); Annie's Song ('74); Back Home Again ('75).

Al Dexter — Pistol Packin' Mama.

Rusty Draper — Gambler's Guitar ('53).

Everly Brothers — Bye Bye Love ('57); Wake Up Little Susie ('57); All I Have To Do is Dream ('58); 'Till I Kissed You ('59); Bird Dog ('58); Cathy's Clown ('60); Devoted To You ('58).

Donna Fargo — The Happiest Girl In The Whole U.S.A. ('72); Funny Face ('73).

Red Foley — Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy ('50); Peace In The Valley ('58); Just A Closer Walk With Thee; Steal Away.

Tennessee Ernie Ford — Sixteen Tons.

Lefty Frizzell — If You've Got The Money.

Bobbie Gentry — Ode To Billie Joe ('67).

Don Gibson — Oh, Lonesome

Bobby Goldsboro — Honey. Billy Grammer — Gotta Travel On ('56).

George Hamilton IV — A Rose And A Baby Ruth ('58).

Bill Hayes — Davy Crockett ('55)

Horace Heidf — Deep In The Heart Of Texas ('41). Bobby Helms — My Special Angel ('57).

Johnny Horton — Battle Of New Orleans ('66).

Ferlin Husky — Gone ('57). Stonewall Jackson — Waterloo ('59).

Sonny James — Young Love ('57).

Gordon Jenkins & The Weavers — Goodnight Irene ('50).

Olivia Newton-John — If You Love Me, Let Me Know ('74); I Honestly Love You ('74); Let Me Be There ('74); Have You Never Been Mellow ('75).

Bill Justice — Raunchy ('58). Claude King — Wolverton Mountain ('62).

Pee Wee King — Slow Poke ('51).

Kris Kristofferson — Why Me ('73).

Brenda Lee — That's All You Gotta Do-I'm Sorry ('60).

Jerry Lee Lewis — Breathless ('54); Great Balls Of Fire ('57); Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On ('58).

Gordon Lightfoot — Sundown ('74).

Byron MacGregor — The Americans ('74).

Wink Martindale — Deck Of Cards ('60).

Ned Miller — From A Jack To A King.

Road ('65); Dang Me.

Guy Mitchell — Singing The Blues ('57); Heartaches By The Number ('55).

Moon Mullican — I'll Sail My Ship Alone ('55); New Jole Blon ('58).

Anne Murray — Snowbird (71).

Roy Orbison — Crying-Candy Man ('57); Only The Lonely ('60); Oh, Pretty Woman ('64).

Marie Osmond — Paper Roses ('73).

Patti Page — Tennessee Waltz ('50).

Carl Perkins — Blue Suede Shoes.

Elvis Presley — Love Me Tender-Anyway You Want Me ('56); Can't Help Fallin' In Love ('61); Crying In The Chapel ('65); Burning Love ('72).

Johnny Preston — Running Bear ('60).

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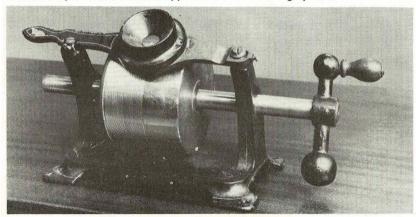
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